

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application is a reissue of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/752,490 and is, therefore, accorded the benefit of the earlier filing date of 13 November 1996.
2. Claims 1-58 are pending in this application.
3. Examiner acknowledges receipt of Applicant's information disclosure statements, received 10/24/2002, 5/14/2003, 9/9/2003, 11/24/2003, 1/13/2005 and 3/23/2006, with accompanying reference copies. These submissions are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. However, they have not been taken into consideration, pending response to the below requirement.

Requirement for Information

A. Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 35 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information (see item a, below) that Examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application:

- a. Stipulate for the IDS(s) submitted 10/24/2002, 5/14/2003, 9/9/2003, 11/24/2003, 1/13/2005 and 3/23/2006 the following:
 - i. Identify 10-20 references considered to be the most relevant by Applicant and listed on the above-noted IDS(s). This requirement is deemed necessary, because of the large number of references cited, and because some of these references comprise hundreds of pages. This requirement is further deemed necessary, because a cursory review of these IDS(s) shows a number of references that do not qualify as prior art, such as the references designated AA-AN of the IDS filed 9/9/03.
 - ii. For those references comprising more than 50 pages, an identification of any such references as being considered to be the most relevant by Applicant should include an indication of the passages Applicant considers to be pertinent to the instant specification and claims.

- b. In order to constitute a complete response to this requirement, Applicant is required to include stipulations for the 10-20 references cited in the above-noted IDS(s), as well as each and every IDS submission hereafter, as delineated in requirement a, above.
- B. It is not foreseen that any additional documents will need to be filed in order to comply with this requirement. Accordingly, the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 are NOT waived for any reply submitted in response to this Office action.
- C. Any supplemental replies responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97.
- D. Applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. A complete reply to this requirement is required in response to this Office action.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maria N. Von Buhr whose telephone number is 571-272-3755. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9am-5pm).
- If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Picard can be reached on 571-272-3749. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
- Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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